

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Seward's Store

AND/OR COMMON

Seward's Lawn, Garden and Feed Store

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

7815-19 Old Philadelphia Road (Md. 7)

CITY, TOWN

Rosedale

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED (partially)

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

—YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #:

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Court House

Liber #: 4512

Folio #: 323

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT  
 X GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

—UNALTERED  
 X ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

X ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Seward's Store is a complex of four connecting commercial and residential buildings and several outbuildings dating from the turn of the century and located on the southeast side of Old Philadelphia Road, the old turnpike route from Baltimore to Philadelphia, about three hundred feet southwest of the intersection of Rosedale Avenue.

The main building in the complex is a two story frame house on a stone foundation at the southern end of the connecting buildings. It is basically rectangular with an ell at the rear which has been enlarged several times. The front or northwest elevation is seven bays wide and has a central gable with a Gothic arched window. A one-story shed roofed porch extends across the front elevation. Three doors alternate with windows on the first floor. The flanking doors have arched molding panels. The central door has been replaced with a modern glass and aluminum door. The second floor windows are 4/4 and have louvred shutters.

The rear ell apparently had two bays on the south elevation originally, to which a third bay was added at an unknown date. The angle of the two sections on the southeast side of the house has a one story shed roofed porch with doors opening from both main and ell sections. The second floor windows are 4/4 and shuttered as on the front elevation, but the shutters on the main section are raised paneled rather than louvred.

The decorative details of the house are confined to the arched gable window and the lamb's tongue chamfers of the porch posts. The rear porch has simple curving brackets on the posts of the main section.

The main house is connected to a one story gable roofed store addition on the north which has a central gable and a modern glass enclosed porch. This section adjoins a flat roofed feed store. A separate two story frame house dating from the early twentieth century is located immediately east of the ell and has been connected to the ell by a one story infill section.

Other buildings on the site include a barn and concrete block storage building or barn behind the lawn and garden store.

The main house and the house connected to the ell have asbestos shingle siding and the feed and garden stores have aluminum siding. On the rear elevation, some sections of German siding are visible.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**  
 The roofs are composition material or corrugated metal in some of the rear sections.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1898; c. 1910      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Seward's Store complex is significant as a late nineteenth century store and residence building combination which grew according to the changing needs of the surrounding area. It exemplifies the typical aspect of the late nineteenth century rural store, resembling a residence more than a commercial building. The complex served as a community center for Rosedale, containing the Rosedale post office in the late 1890's and the predecessor of Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan Association during the early 1900's.

Charles H. Seward, owner and proprietor of the store from 1904 until the 1920's, was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Baltimore-Philadelphia Road Improvement Association in 1926. The organization was an early effort to preserve the historical integrity of the old Philadelphia Turnpike route.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bromley's Atlas of Baltimore County, 1898, 1915  
The Historical Baltimore-Philadelphia Road, 1926

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	
Janet Davis	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
MHT/SHA	November 24, 1980
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
21 <del>XXXXXXX</del> State Circle	(301) 269-2438
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	MD 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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BA. 2096 SEWARD STORE. Still known as Seward's Store, this structure on south side of Philadelphia Road southeast of Rosedale Avenue is shown on tax map as C.H. Seward's

Map 89, P771. Deeds 4512:323. (Yet the tax ledger of 1918 would suggest that Charles H. Seward sold all his real estate in the 15th District in two parcels, to Schuler, who acquired the store, and also to Rohrs, in 1921 and 1922, respectively.

Tax Ledger, 1911, District 15, f.325

Chas. H. Seward, Rosedale

4 acres on Phila road e. of Rosedale Ave.	400
Dwelling 750 Store 150 Outbuilding 25	925
9 acres s. of Phila. road w. of Rosedale Av.	900
Dwelling & Store 400 house 400	
Barn & Stable 250 Outhouses 235	2,285
Livestock ..... etc.....	1,020

Tax Ledger, 1918, District 15, f. 706

Charles H. Seward

12 acres Phila Rd at Rosedale @ \$150	1,800
House 2000 House 432 Store 2000	4,432
Store house 1500 House 800 House 800	3,100
Barn 218 Barn 624 Shed 144	986
Other buildings	75
Vehicles Livestock 200	400

1919 Horse 100 Auto 300 Auto 250 Auto 400	1,050
Veh 100 Harn 15 Fix 400 Mdse 1500	2,015

(Note: the "Abate" side of the ledger page shows that in 1921 the store account was transferred to someone named Schuler, the rest of the property in 1922 was transferred to "Rohrs."---J. McGrain, 1980).

*Information from John McGrain,  
Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning*





Seward's Store

BA-2096

7815-12 Old Philadelphia Road

Rosedale, MD.

photo: Janet Davis

neg loc MD Historical Trust

20 October 1980

rear elevation main building

1/3



Seward's Store

BA-2096

7815-19 Old Philadelphia Road

Rosedale, MD

photo: Janet Dow

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20 October 1990

store fronts along Old Philadelphia Road, northwest elev

2/3



Seward's Store

EA-2096

7815-19 Old Philadelphia Rd

Rosedale, MD

photo: Janet Davis

neg loc: MD Historical Trust

20 October 1980

northwest elevation, main building

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